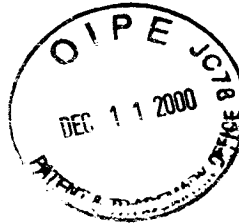


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 6, line 23, change "Application Laid-Open" to --Publication--.

Page 14, line 7, change "Application Laid-Open" to --Publication--.

Page 22, line 21, change "Publication" to --Application Laid-Open--.

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, the specification is amended to correctly designate the prior art discussed therein. Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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